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In re Application of MOVALLI et al.

Serial No.: 08/697,421

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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

GENERATING SECURE

ENDORSED TRANSACTIONS

DECISION

WITHDRAWING

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This decision is in response to the "PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 AND M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c)" filed February 28, 2000. No petition fee is required.

The petition is GRANTED.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed February 15, 2000, is WITHDRAWN.

Applicants' original notice of appeal has been located and matched with the application file. On the basis that the notice of appeal was timely filed, it is appropriate to withdraw the February 15, 2000, Notice of Abandonment and reset the two month time period under 37 CFR 1.192(a) for the filing of an Appeal Brief.

The two month time period under 37 CFR 1.192(a) for filing an Appeal Brief is hereby restarted and expires TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision. Failure to timely file an Appeal Brief will result in abandonment of the application. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The application is being forwarded to the Technical Support Staff of Technology Center 2800 for (1) withdrawing the holding of abandonment, (2) entering the Notice of Appeal, and (3) restarting the two (2) month time period for filing an Appeal Brief.

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